(b) what steps have been taken by Government to increase othe export to Japan; and

(c) what are the details of the export to Japan during the last three years and the foreign exchange earned therefrom?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Mineral ores, Gems and Jewellery, marine products, textiles, engineering goods, chemicals are the major items of Indian export to Japan;

(b) Steps to increase exports to Japan include periodical review of bilateral trade, exchange of delegations, participation in international fairs and exhibitions in Japan, organisation of Buyer-Seller Meets, Market Surveys etc.

(c) As per DGCI&S's figures, the details of Indian exports to Japan from 1988-89 onwards have been as under:

1988-89 . .	Rs. 2161 90 Crs.
1989-90 . .	Rs. 2726.69 Crs.
1990-91 . .	Rs. 3025.25 Crs.

Export target set by MPEDA

1078. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target set by the Marine Products Export Development Authority for the export of marine products during the last three years and actual achievement made;

(b) whether any target has been fixed for the export of marine products by Marine Products Export Development Authority for 1991-92;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to achieve the target?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) The target and achievement in port of marine products during last three years are as follows:

Year	Export Volume		Export Value	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
	(in M Tonnes)		(in Rs. Lakhs)	
1988-89	104500	99777	580	597.85
1989-90	158825	110843	850	634.94
1990-91	172250	138447	850	893.40

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Tentative target is Rs. 1500 crores.

(d) Besides continuing various developmental and promotional ongoing schemes, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) will take the following steps during the current year to achieve the target:

(i) Over 2000 hectare additional area to be brought under acquaculture.

(ii) 12 new hatcharies to be set up.

(iii) One modern feed mill to be established.

(iv) 5 Joint ventures in deep sea fishing to be established.

(v) 13 deep sea fishing vessels to be inducted in Indian EEZ.

(vi) 12 new plants for production of IQF shrimps to be launched.

Setting up of a Central University at Brahamputra valley in Assam

1079. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made by the Union Government so far for setting up of the proposed Central University at the Brahamaputra Valley in Assam;

(b) whether there are any hinderances in deciding site for the University in the Brahamaputra Valley; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Legislation has been enacted to establish a teaching and affiliating Central University at Silchar in Assam. The State Government has been requested to make land and other infrastructural facilities available for starting the University. However, no decision has been taken by Government to establish another Central University in the Brahamaputra Valley.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Medical Treatment for Artists/Writers

1080. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any provisions for helping the artists/writers who are economically unsound for medical treatment; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have not made any special provisions for medical treatment of artists/writers. They can, however, avail of free medical facilities in the Central Government and State Government Hospitals, as available to members of the public.

Admission of Students of Backward/Hilly Communities in Professional Institutions

1081. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any provisions for helping the students of backward/hilly communities other than SC/ST in getting admission in Medical, Engineering and other technical institutions under the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The Government of India have no scheme for helping students of backward/hilly communities other than SC/ST in getting admission to engineering/medical/other technical institutions under the Central Government.